GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:447
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Post Offices
Chowdhary Shri Pankaj;Nete Shri Ashok Mahadeorao

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices in the country including those in the backward areas as on date, district-wise;

(b) the number of post offices proposed to be opened in all the villages during the current financial year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any policy to open new post offices and upgrade old post offices/sub- post offices in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government has identified such areas where the postal services are not available and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.447 FOR 5TH APRIL, 2017 REGARDING "POST OFFICES ".

(a) The District-wise number of Post Offices in the country including the rural and backward areas (as on 27.03.2017) are at Annexure-I.
(b) There is no proposal for opening of new post offices in all the villages of the country. The new post offices are opened in villages subject to fulfillment of prescribed distance, population & income norms and availability of funds and manpower. Out of 99 Branch Post Offices (BOs) planned to be opened in rural areas in the financial year 2016-17, Department has opened 84 BOs as on 28.02.2017. The Postal Circle-wise details are at Annexure-II.
(c) The opening of new post offices and upgradation of existing post offices are on-going activities. New post offices are opened subject to fulfillment of prescribed distance, population & income norms and availability of funds and manpower. Existing post offices are upgraded based on the workload and after following the prescribed norms. The norms for opening and upgradation of post offices are at Annexure-III.
(d) Postal services are available all over the country through a network of about 1.55 lakhs post offices. Villages not having post offices are served by nearby post offices. In addition, Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendras and Franchise Outlets are also opened to provide basic postal facilities at Gram Panchayats/ Villages not having post offices.